GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States have failed to utilise funds provided to them for modernisation of the police force;

(b) if so, the details of those States who have not utilised their modernisation grant during 2006-07 and 2007-08 till date alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the participation of State in acquiring, analyzing and using intelligence to check terror in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) : The funds released up to 2005-06 to various State Governments under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) have been, by and large, fully utilized by States except for a few instances of unspent funds being carried over to the subsequent year(s). Instructions are issued from time to time to the State Governments to ensure proper and timely utilization of funds released during previous years and funds are released in subsequent years in the light of utilization reports received from the States. The utilization position of the police modernization grants released to the States during 2006-07 and 2007-08 is not available with the Government as the utilization certificates have not yet become due.

(c): With a view to strengthen the intelligence set up in the States, the State Governments have been advised to earmark up to 5% of the total allocation under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police towards special branches in terms of modern equipment for intelligence gathering and upgradation of training infrastructure. In turn, the State Government would be expected to provide adequate manpower for strengthening of the special branches, as may be necessary.